

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Delaware Estuary Watershed Grants Program

The Grants Program seeks to:

- Encourage innovative, community or locally-based programs or projects that restore important habitats and living resources within the Delaware Estuary Watershed;
- Develop the capacity of local governments, citizens groups and other organizations to promote community based stewardship and enhance local watershed-based resource management; and
- Promote a greater understanding of the Delaware Estuary and the interrelationship between the health of the Estuary and the condition of local watersheds.

Funding Priorities

The following priorities will be used by an advisory team of state and federal agency experts to evaluate proposals requesting support under the DEWGP. Specific priorities include projects that:

- Restore important fish and wildlife habitat;
- Develop measures to restore naturally functioning shoreline and littoral habitats;
- Restore fish passage or support removal of barriers to fish passage;
- Enhance or restore shellfish;
- Restore habitat for horseshoe crabs and shorebirds and/or other special status species as identified by state or federal agencies.
- Support watershed-based planning; and
- Promote "hands-on" educational activities and stewardship activities.